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International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism

The General Assembly,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,[1] the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights[2] and other relevant instruments of international human rights law and international humanitarian law,

Recalling previous resolutions of the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Human Rights Council on human rights and terrorism and on the promotion and protection of human rights while countering terrorism,

Recalling also Human Rights Council resolution 17/8 of 16 June 2011 entitled "Proclamation of 19 August as the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism",[3]

Reaffirming the fact that the promotion and protection of human rights for all and the rule of law at the national and international levels are essential for preventing and combating terrorism,

Recognizing that effective counter-terrorism measures and the protection of human rights are not conflicting goals, but complementary and mutually

[1] Resolution 217 A (III).
[2] See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.
[3] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 53* (A/66/53), chap. I.

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reinforcing, and stressing the need to promote and protect the rights of victims of terrorism,

Deeply deploring the suffering caused by terrorism to the victims and their families, expressing its profound solidarity with them, and stressing the importance of providing them with proper assistance,

Recognizing that terrorism clearly has a very real and direct impact, with devastating consequences for, inter alia, the enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms,

Recognizing also the role that victims of terrorism can play, including in countering the appeal of terrorism, and emphasizing the need to promote international solidarity in support of victims of terrorism and to ensure that victims of terrorism are treated with dignity and respect,

Recognizing further the importance of respecting the human rights of victims of terrorism and their families and of providing them with appropriate support and assistance in accordance with applicable law,

Renewing its unwavering commitment to strengthening international cooperation to prevent and combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and reaffirming that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed,

Reaffirming its resolutions 53/199 of 15 December 1998 and 61/185 of 20 December 2006 on the proclamation of international years, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 on international years and anniversaries, particularly paragraphs 1 to 10 of the annex thereto on the agreed criteria for the proclamation of international years, as well as paragraphs 13 and 14, in which it is stated that an international day or year should not be proclaimed before the basic arrangements for its organization and financing have been made,

1. *Decides* to proclaim 21 August as the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism, in order to honour and support the victims and survivors of terrorism and to promote and protect the full enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, within existing resources, as well as other international organizations, and civil society entities, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe the International Day in an appropriate manner;

3. *Stresses* that the cost of all activities that may arise from the implementation of the present resolution shall be met from voluntary contributions;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session on the implementation of the present resolution.